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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearings
on the Dominican Republic**

1. On this date, I met with Mr. Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to discuss with him the hearings on the Dominican Republic which are scheduled to begin on 14 July 1965. I told Mr. Marcy that, as he probably knew, we had been working very closely with the Department of State on this. I added that Mr. Helms had asked us to assure him of the Agency's cooperation and to obtain his advice and guidance as to how the Agency might fit into the Committee's plans.

2. Mr. Marcy said that aside from the scheduling of Thomas Mann, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, on 14 July, the Committee had not specifically scheduled any other witnesses. He also mentioned that Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance would probably be scheduled. Mr. Marcy said the staff anticipates that the following persons might also be called: W. Tapley Bennett, Ambassador to the Dominican Republic; General Bruce Palmer, U. S. Commander of the Dominican Republic; and John Barlow Martin, President's Special Representative to the Dominican Republic. He added that Luis Munoz Marin, ex-governor of Puerto Rico, and Jaime Benitez, Chancellor of the University of Puerto Rico, had also indicated an interest in appearing before the Committee and would probably be called. He emphasized, however, that the Committee had not yet made a decision as to these witnesses. The Committee has not focused on the question of Admiral Raborn's appearance but he assumes that it would want to hear from him.

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3. Mr. Marcy said that from the staff's standpoint, they were attempting to get all of the facts concerning the Dominican Republic situation. He added, however, that it was obvious that the Committee was going to be split on this.

4. Mr. Marcy seemed to appreciate our touching base with him and suggested that we also talk with Mr. Pat Holt, of the Committee staff, who is actually handling the details of these hearings. Following my meeting with Mr. Marcy, I saw Mr. Holt very briefly as the conferees were meeting on the Foreign Aid Bill. I plan to talk further with him tomorrow or Friday.



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